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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, Notification of ETC Relinquishment; Request for Withdrawal of Redefinition Petition

Dear Secretary Dortch:

With this letter, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) notifies the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that Long Lines Wireless, LLC (Long Lines) has relinquished its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). In addition, the SDPUC requests that its petition to the FCC requesting redefinition of certain rural telephone companies' service areas be withdrawn.

On September 25, 2008, the SDPUC filed a Petition for FCC Agreement in Redefining the Service Areas of Rural Telephone Companies in the State of South Dakota Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.207(c) (Petition). In the Petition, the SDPUC requested that the FCC agree with the SDPUC's decision to redefine the service areas of four rural telephone carriers in South Dakota. The Petition was made pursuant to a request by Long Lines for designation as an ETC. Long Lines requested that some of its requested service areas be redefined for certain rural telephone carriers. The SDPUC subsequently designated Long Lines as an ETC for certain service areas. Some of the service areas were subject to redefinition and other areas were not subject to redefinition. For the service areas subject to redefinition, the SDPUC granted Long Lines' redefinition request for these service areas, subject to agreement by the FCC. The SDPUC then submitted its Petition to the FCC.

On December 29, 2008, the FCC issued a public notice that it was initiating a proceeding to consider the Petition. The SDPUC is not aware of any subsequent action taken by the FCC pursuant to the public notice initiating the proceeding, either approving or denying the Petition. On February 2, 2016, Long Lines filed a Petition to Relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier with the SDPUC. Long Lines' Petition to Relinquish was granted by the SDPUC by order dated March 18, 2016.

Given that Long Lines is no longer an ETC, the SDPUC requests that its Petition filed on September 25, 2008, be withdrawn. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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